

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
CASE NO. U-18140**

- Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. requests Michigan Public Service Commission approval to increase natural gas rates by \$346,762, or 6.5%, annually, and for other related relief.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may write Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin, P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702-0008 or its Michigan office at 101 Alfred Wright Boulevard, Ironwood, Michigan 49938 or call (800) 895-4999, for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin.
- A public hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: **Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.**
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge **Sharon L. Feldman**

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider Northern States Power Company's (NSP-W) October 10, 2016 application for approval to increase its rates for the sale of natural gas. NSP-W states that it is requesting a revenue increase of \$346,762 annually, or 6.5%. NSP-W also requests authorization to implement a new Infrastructure Cost Recovery Mechanism with applicable surcharges and the ability to file its case with proposed depreciation rates reflected in the Company's revenue requirements, as well as other relief.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by November 9, 2016. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Northern States Power Company's attorney, Sherri A. Wellman, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., One Michigan Avenue, Suite 900, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Hearing System's Administrative Hearing Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of Northern States Power Company's request may be reviewed on the Commission's website at michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Northern States Power Company. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Michigan Administrative Hearing System's Administrative Hearing Rules, 2015 AC, R 792.10401 et seq.

October 17, 2016



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

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October 17, 2016
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Ms. Sherri A. Wellman
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.
One Michigan Avenue, Suite 900
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Ms. Wellman:

Northern States Power Company shall mail, by November 2, 2016, a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to all cities, incorporated villages, townships and counties in its Michigan natural gas service area, and to intervenors in Case Number U-17488. Proof of service shall be filed by the prehearing conference on November 16, 2016.

Northern States Power Company shall cause the enclosed notice of hearing to be published, by November 2, 2016, in daily newspapers of general circulation in its Michigan natural gas service area. Publishing requirements and a copy of the publishing format are enclosed. Affidavits of publication shall be filed by the prehearing conference on November 16, 2016.

Northern States Power Company shall, by November 16, 2016, serve upon each person who has petitioned to intervene a copy of the written direct testimony of its proposed witnesses and the proposed exhibits as filed with the Commission. Proof of service shall be filed with the Commission by November 23, 2016.

Issuance of this notice is a ministerial act and does not constitute a determination that Upper Peninsula Power Company's application is complete within the meaning of MCL 460.6a(1).

Sincerely,

Kavita Kale
Executive Secretary

Enclosures